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**HOMECOMING 1994: SEPTEMBER 24**

**C.E.U. PROGRAM 1994: SEPTEMBER 23**

# Letter to the Alumnae

Meeting the health care needs of an ethnically diverse population is essential. In order for nursing to help meet these needs attention must be given to issues of curriculum, recruitment, and retention of nursing students and faculty. The MGH Institute of Health Professions is committed to meet this challenge by requesting our alumnae to offer input and support.

Specifically, we need:

- a. your suggestions for making our curriculum more sensitive to cultural diversity,
- b. MGH nursing graduates to actively recruit qualified nurses from diverse backgrounds to apply to our nursing program,
- c. ethnically diverse persons who are interested in changing careers and becoming advanced practice nurses to apply to our program, and
- d. prospective faculty to apply for positions.

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As alumnae, you are the most qualified to speak to the joys, challenges, and honor of studying and working in Boston and at the MGH. We need your help in alerting your

colleagues to encourage qualified ethnically diverse persons to apply to the Program of Nursing at the MGH Institute.

For further information, please contact:

Dr. Jean Leuner  
Interim Director Nursing Program  
MGH Institute of Health Professions  
101 Merrimac Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
Telephone 617 726 3148.

### Cultural Diversity Committee

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### Adele Corkum Award Presented

At the Generalist Completion Ceremony on June 8, 1994 the annual Adele Corkum Award was presented. This year the recipient was **Paula J. Kalajian**.

The faculty has described her as a person who quietly supports and encourages fellow students. She has a unique humanity, intellectual brilliance, spirituality, compassion, sensitivity, and a true caring professionalism. In following her heart she actively listens and compassionately cares for patients and those around her.

She very definitely demonstrates those qualities that we all so fondly remember in Adele Corkum.

MGH INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
Graduate Program in Nursing  
Class of 1995



Generalist Completion Ceremony  
June 8, 1994



The Class of 1995 would like to welcome you to this evening's ceremony. This ceremony marks the completion of the generalist portion of the Graduate Program in Nursing.

*Welcome*

Carolyn Delano  
Class Representative, 1995

*Opening Remarks*

Maureen W. Groër  
Program Director  
Graduate Program in Nursing

*Speakers*

Patrice Nicholas  
Jean Leuner

*Class Speaker*

Curtis D. Carlson

*Alumnae Association Greetings*

Linda Lass-Schuhmacher  
President  
MGH School of Nursing Alumnae Association

*Presentation of Certificates and Name Pins*

Barbara Willson  
Maureen Groër

*Closing Remarks*

Carolyn Delano  
Class Representative, 1995

*Class of 1995*

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# INSTITUTE CORNER

Patrick McCarthy, President of the IHP retired this June. The search committee has not yet made a decision on a replacement at this time but the hope is that they will make an offer in the near future. Dr Maureen Groer, Director of the Nursing Program has been named as the Interim President. As Dr. Groer assumes this role, Dr. Jean Leuner will step in as the Interim Director of the Nursing Program. It should be business as usual with all programs as the fall semester begins.

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## CALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Saturday, September 24, 1994  
Time: 11 AM  
Place: Howard Johnson's "57"  
200 Stuart Street  
Boston, MA

*Sincerely,  
Carol Garant  
Secretary*

Please note the CEU Program is not included in the cost of the Homecoming Program held on Saturday, September 24th.

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## PROGRAM APPLICATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### FEE ENCLOSED:

MGHNAA MEMBER \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_  
NON-MEMBER FEE \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL TO:

MGH NURSES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION  
Ruth Sleeper Hall - 180  
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL  
BOSTON, MA 02114



\$25.00 fee must be paid at the time reservation is made and is non refundable. Please note that all luncheon reservations must be received by September 2nd and no reservations will be accepted at the door. If you are making arrangements for others, please be sure to include name and address to avoid duplication of reservations.

Reservations are restricted to 300 so reserve early.

Please complete and return this form by September 2 with your check for \$25.00.

Reservation MGH Nurses Alumnae Homecoming 1994

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Class \_\_\_\_\_  
I enclosed my check for \$25.00 for Homecoming Meeting and Luncheon.  
Luncheon ticket will be at the registration desk.

Mail today to: MGHNAA, Ruth Sleeper Hall - 180  
Mass General Hospital, Boston, MA 02114.

Cincinnati, so I see him every two or three months. All is generally well. Enjoying this reunion.

Eleanor (Sis) Karvellas Pechilis lives in MA "retired - keeping busy and enjoying.

Barbara Gray Carleen (with Warren) lives in MA "retired" in '86 - on call at local nursing home 3 - 4 times per month - we enjoy Cape Cod living - our home is open to classmates visiting the area.

Rose Dailey McCorry Harris (with husband) - retired live 6 months in FL and 6 months in MI - best of both possible worlds.

Marion Martell Dzugan - living in Oregon is great - this reunion will be remembered by me as the one I missed some of the fun by getting myself admitted to the hospital for one night for suspected coronary - as usual Rene was great and Barb and Anna provided moral support on Sunday before we left for home - Anna spending the night to keep an eye on me - old friends are the best.

Anna Tohill Smith - lives in FL - I smile as I realize all my younger classmates are catching up with me and retiring - hope they find it as enjoyable as I have - isn't it wonderful that after all these years we can still enjoy each other.

Kay Collins Gallagher lives in MA - somehow we did not get a BIO from her while in Las Vegas - she recently lost her husband and six of our class were able to attend the funeral mass - what a wonderful family she has

Renee Niedospal Curmi lives in MI - very happy in retirement - summers busy with golf and gardening,



winters with sewing and reading - health A-1 and hope to keep it that way - Renee is the one who made all the arrangements for this reunion - had a lovely banquet, saw some really great shows and we all thank her for a job well done.

The following unable to attend and sent notes:

Thelma (Timmie) Roberts lives in ME - I will not be able to attend - I have been ill and in the recovery mode - I would love to see you all again but will have to wait another year - love to you all.

Eleanor Gagan Nissen lives in FL - had previous commitment due to husband's business - recently lost her brother - has had a tragic year as her son Chris died a few months earlier.

Muriel Larose Lamie lives in NH - we won't be able to attend the reunion but hope you all have a great time

Jackie Fishel Leabman lives in MA - I will not be able to attend due to conflicting commitments - please give everyone my love - would have loved to be a part of the festivities.

Sally Shea Dolan lives in MA - retired last year - Las Vegas not her cup of tea - sorry to miss everyone but always years more to look forward to.

Connie Palmer lives in CT - retired, very, very, very busy - was leaving for Alaska trip September 9 - wishing everyone a great time.

Betty Chapman Eller lives in NC - had trip planned to Alaska and Western Canada for late August and

early September - wished every one a great time and sends her love.

## September 1949

Jackie Auger Brown  
P.O.Box 360  
265 West Rd  
Rye NH 03870-0360

Once again Christmas Cards become the source of information from the September class of 1949.

Elsie Bahsler Peecher - has been retired for four years - renovating house they have lived in for 21 years - busy and happy - would like to attend 45th but not sure

Fran Cavallo - still working at IBM and enjoys it - a nephew living with her while he attends near by college - enjoys golf game - hopes to come to 45th.

Evellyn Smith Adamic - recent move from Covina to Burbank CA hopes to come to 45th with daughter Catherine

Trudy Walsh Hynes - enjoying retirement and spending August in ME - will be attending 45th in September.

Lyn Poulter Ratcliff - our sympathy to Lyn and her family as Bill went to be with the Lord in December, 1993.

Jean Lutz Perkins - enjoyed a cruise through the Panama Canal on the Sky Princess - continues to enjoy being involved in the Elderhostel programs in Southern California - took 2 grandchildren to the Grandparent/grand kids program in Telhachapi.

Irene Weisslinger Swan - spent summer in VT - 2 boys married in May only 1 left at home.

Barbara Stevens Wright - Husband, Herb, still working hard - she is busy at the church as Circle Chairman - daughter, Sue, has an additional job as organizer of Children's Department at Orlando Public Library and son, Dave, is scout master of his son's troop.

Ruth Tillson Lowell - sixth grand son born to son, Tom and wife, Sue - will be attending 45th.

Ruth Stronach Henshaw - recovering slowly from after effects of Hurricane Andrew - will be going to Nova Scotia again in July - will be attending the 45th

Jackie Auger Brown - going to visit son, Steve, and his family in West Jordan, Utah for the month of June - enjoying retirement immensely - busy with Garden Club, tours of the "Over 55" Club and church work - will be attending the 45th

We hope that you will all be able to attend our 45th reunion. Possible are those listed above plus Blanche Couillard, Dot Johnson McCann, Pat Edge Wilson, Mary Libbey Morris, Pat Malloy Kenniff.

# 1956

The sons and daughters of Barbara Doyle Herlihy of Tewksbury MA and the son of Robert J Chevalier of Albuquerque NM announce the engagement of their parents. A spring wedding is planned.

## March 1959

Mary Flannery Caira  
19 Fuller Terrace  
West Newton, MA 02165

Alice Wright Burd 22 Cherry Tree Lane, Shrewsbury,  
PA 17361

The Burds have had a hectic few years. Both Mother Wright and Mother Burd died. Dad Wright married Nellie at the Alliance Retirement Home. Miles has returned to management as Senior Assistant Inspector General for Audits. Stephen is a Corporal in the county Police force, and is a big football fan. Alice is busy with home and yard work. both she and Miles are active with the Church Camp. They love Southern Pennsylvania.

Gail Kent Clemmer 15 Pine Road "Keen-wik"  
Selbyvill, DE 19975 - school vacation and  
weekends: 607 Worington Dr, Chester, PA 19382 -  
Mon - Fri school year.

Gail married George Cominsky on January 1, 1994.  
David escorted her down the aisle, and Ellen was  
Matron of Honor. She will keep her same name.  
She is also busy with grand parenting Alex who is  
now 1 1/2 years old.

Gene Shaffer Corcoran 6900 Fitzpatrick Dr, Laurel,  
MD 20810

As I mentioned in a special note at Christmas, John died of pancreatitis on November 27, 1993. They had been married for 34 years. the children and grandchildren are all well.

Nancy Bassett Campbell 218 Harvard Dr, Torrington  
CT 06790

Nancy missed our 35th Anniversary, as Belinda and Gino were married on that day. Her Christmas card included a wonderful family picture of the 4 children, 2 spouses, and Mrs Bassett. Nancy enjoys her job as a Psych Nurse. she's vacationed in California, Vermont, and on Margarita Island. Carrie is an assistant at Banker' Trust in New York, and auditioning for TV. Ellen works in New York and is also pursuing an acting career. Andy substitute teaches and coaches soccer and track, while Kathy is with FDIC. They just bought a home. Belinda is a waitress seeking a job in the environmental Area.

Marilyn Thayer Cote Rte 782, Purcellville, VA 22132

Roslyn Ruggiero Elms 819 19th St, Apt 33, Greeley,  
CO 80639

Elaine Finley Flanagan 190 Barley Neck Rd,  
Orleans, MA 02653

Roberta Fitzgerald 180 West 58th St, Apt 5B, New  
York, NY 10019

Fitzie continues to recover from joint surgery. Her card included pictures of her and her dog, Spence.

Amanda McCrae Fuhro 3808 Carmen, Brownsville,  
TX 78520

Jamin Schofield Guarino 287 High St, Hingham, MA  
02043

Maxine Clark Hybarger 5991 Post Oak Circle, San  
Jose, CA 95120

Ray continues having fun with acting. Maxine has been in the PACU at Santa Teresa's Hospital for 17 years. She is sewing on a brand new machine, with a multitude of stitch designs. Gail has a serious boyfriend. Gerry is working in a book store, and acting. Maxine is also active as chairman of the Board of Directors at the Live Oak Senior Nutrition Center.

Barbara King Hemingway 24 Alberta Rd, Brookline,  
MA 02167

Eleanor Dyer Hamilton 20 Queensland Rd, No  
Billerica, MA 01862

In her Christmas card, Ellie said she was delighted to see everyone in September

Suzanne Seymour Keohane 1818 Ridgeway,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

It was a delightful surprise to receive a Christmas note from Suzanne. She works as a charge nurse in a Nursery at a level 3 hospital in Colorado Springs. Still loves it after 11 years. Her children are all well and, "out of the nest" Sean works for public radio and at a half-way house. Jennifer married an Air Force Major. they will be moving to Duke University where both will be working towards PhD's. She is also awaiting a contract on a book. After they finish school, they will return to the Air Force Academy. the youngest, Kevin, is a Marketing and PR Director for a Denver company, and is releasing his second C.D. Sue enjoys Colorado Springs, and is active in the Symphony and Opera Guilds. Sue states that Roy is doing quite well.

Ruth Fife Mann Grand View Farm, 35 Fife Rd,  
Canterbury, NJ 03224

Ruth and Ginger have had a busy year. They have their first grandchild, Ben

Judith Palmer Muggia 14 Dartmouth St, Winchester,  
MA 01890

Judie's Christmas greetings included a wonderful family picture. Young Al is practicing gastroenterology. Melanie flies part-time with Delta. They live in Andover with their children, Taggart and Morgan, born in May, 1993. Will is an Investment Banker, and Brooke is in Marketing. they live in Cambridge. Frank is a lawyer, and Denise works in a law library. They expect their first child this spring. Frank was sworn into the Bar of the US Supreme Court. Al and Judie keep busy with travel and work. Judie heads up the Winchester Sister city Organization. They traveled to Normandy, bicycled



from Chateau to Chateau; in the Loire Valley, and visited the impressive cemetery at Omaha Beach.

Mary Jannino Romeo 4 Stephanie St, Burlington, MA 01940

Mary Duggan Roy 7 Rambling Woods Drive, Morristown, NJ

Mary and Norm are traveling a great deal. Michelle and Christophe are in Columbia, South America with the French Red Cross.

The Caira's

We are all well. Mike remains in lighting sales. Young Michael is here at home on a "financial reprieve". Chris is engaged to Kelly, and they plan to marry next year. He is enjoying his new job as a locksmith. Kelly is a travel agent. Maria and Jim live across the street with our two granddaughters, Catherine Elizabeth 2 1/2 and Laura Rosalyn, born December 30, 1993. We enjoy having everyone nearby. I continue at Leonard Morse Hospital, and my job is far from secure, as are most hospital positions. In April, I had a wonderful vacation with 3 of my cousins in Las Vegas and Palm Springs.

I look forward to hearing from you.

## **September 1959**

Betty Linden Concannon  
35 Glenridge Drive  
Bedford, MA 01730  
617 275 0392



# NEWS NOTES

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The Alumnae Association was remembered in the estate of Miss Ruth Sleeper. Miss Sleeper, along with money to be used for scholarships, also gave the association the watch that had been given to her at the time of her retirement. The watch is to be sold and the money to be used for scholarships. As soon as we have more information we will let you know when and how this sale will take place.

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The Alumnae finds that with the increase in costs and the decrease in both dues and the fund drive the organization is continually running in the red. In order to try to at least bring some of the programs and functions that we sponsor closer to a break even point the Board voted to increase some of the costs of programs and also the cost of dues. This will be the first increase in either for as long as any of the Board could remember. Dues will increase to \$20 per year starting with the next dues bills. Homecoming will increase to \$25 for the program and luncheon and the CEU Program cost will also increase to \$15.00 for members. In looking at the costs of similar programs and organizations the MGH Alumnae Association continues to be a bargain and we hope that you will continue to support your organization.

# PEARLS FROM THE PAST

Mim Huggard sent us the following news article that she found in her desk at home. Miss Fraser was the Health Supervisor when she came in training in 1928 and so was at the training school prior to 1938. The Carillon still plays at 9 am, 12 noon, and 5 pm daily.

## Church Given Bells By Saint John Man

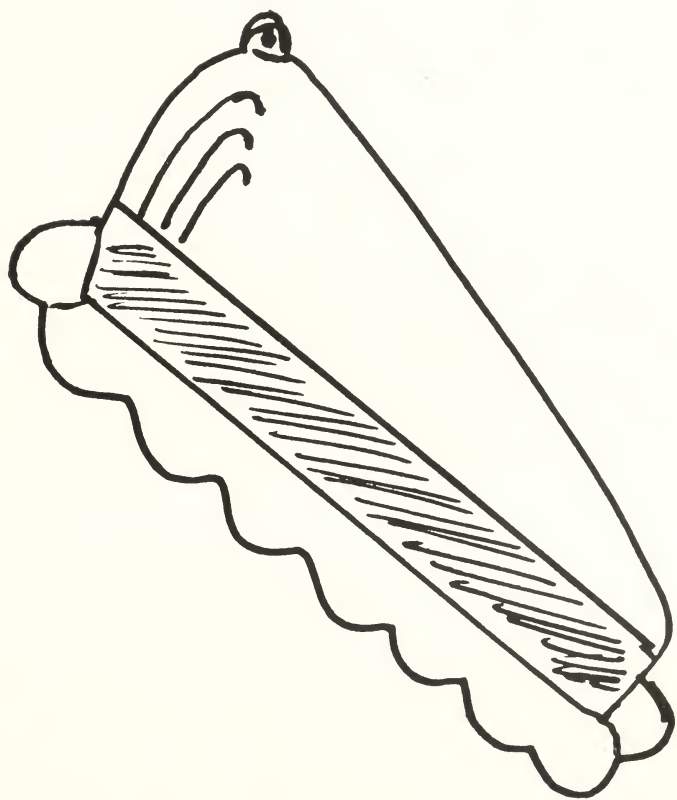
In Boston thanks to a Canadian, the historic church where the hymn America was first sung in 1831, will soon have a new carillon.

The gift of Norman Fraser of Saint John, the 75-bell carillon now is being installed in the belfry of the Park Street Congregational Church spire, overlooking Boston Common.

It will be dedicated as "the Nancy Fraser memorial tower carillon" on Palm Sunday, March 26, in memory of Mr. Fraser's sister. She was supervisor of the health program of the Massachusetts General Hospital school of nursing from 1938 to 1955 and was a member of the Park Street church for 33 years.

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A graduate has had a stained glass MGH cap made. It is white with black band and was traced from a cap so that it is the exact size. The cost was \$22.00 postpaid and was obtained from Mr. Sam Estlow, Unique Design, P.O.Box 1369, Main Street, Meredith, NH 03253.



# CLASS NEWS

## 1927

We received a copy of the Keene Sentinel from Tuesday, October 19, 1993 that contained an article on Elizabeth "Uppie" Wright. Elizabeth Upton Wright had served with the 16th General Hospital (a mobile tent hospital capable of handling up to 1000 wounded) in Europe during World War II. She had received the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. Her neighbor Josephine Vee ('36) wrote that she was a very private person and a delightful neighbor.

## 1930

In a note from Louine Lunt Peck we learned that at 86 she lives in a Housing for the Elderly Project and is extremely handicapped. Her address is P. O. Box 9, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662. She also said that she has many Pearls from the Past to send and we all look forward to seeing them in future editions.

## 1934

In a note from "Dutchy" Belcher Chandler we received a news clipping from a Memphis paper. The article spoke of a donation by the Delta Foundation to establish an endowed nursing scholarship in honor of Lindsey (Miriam Lindsey Hail Cox) and Eugene Cox who served as volunteers at the Regional Medical center for many years. The

Delta Foundation was an organization that Lindy and Gene worked so hard for in Mississippi.

## 1936

Muriel Brodsky sent a note with her dues that let us know she has had some cardiac problems over the past year. We hope she is doing much better now and hope to hear from her again soon.

Marjorie Goldthwait Richardson sent us the following article for the Record:

### Eunice Pike, Class of 1936

A letter received earlier this year reminded some of us of what a remarkable classmate we have in Eunice Pike, often called "Pikey." Her letter, written this January from Senegal, West Africa told of her going there in October to help translators to figure out the alphabets for the languages they are working with. Most of them are making primers to help with literacy, and they hope to translate the New Testament.

She tells of pleasant temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees, and of sleeping under a mosquito net because malaria is common there. Eunice writes, "Every day I get out for a 15 minute fast walk. I want to take my old age gracefully." Judging from the ages of her classmates she must be 80 or very close to it, and if "aging gracefully" includes keeping busy, she is well on her way.

Pikey has returned to Dallas, TX, where she is affiliated with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. she started right after graduation from MGH in 1936 with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, an organization which works closely with Wycliffe. Living and working in Mexico from 1936 to 1980, she frequently took time off to go to other countries to help translators analyze the alphabets of the languages they were working with. In addition to several technical works, she has published fine non-technical books: Not Alone, Works Wanted, An Uttermost Part, The Last Five Feet, and Sarah's Life.

We are proud of such a dedicated and productive class member.

The information above was supplied by "Pikey" herself and by Edith Lee MacCormik, who has kept in touch with her all these years. Edie lives in Orlando, FL and recently spoke on the phone with Barbara Hatch Rice, who lives in California. The sad news is that Edie's husband, Bob, has been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's Disease. With the aid of her son and daughter, Edie is presently caring for Bob at home.

## 1938

Grace Walsh Kelley  
462-825 Rainbow Dr  
Westwood, CA 96137

I was a member of the Simmons College five year program affiliated with the MGH graduating June 1938. I have been a class representative for a number of years designated as Febuary 1938.

It is understandable that times change and volume mailing will save money. I think I would have been willing to have the Association supply the envelopes, letters and I would supply the postage just to get the chance to write personal notes to my classmates once a year. I guess what I am saying is, yea, I would like a class list.

Recently an envelope came addressed to the Family of Grace Kelley from the Simmons college Alumnae Association. It contained a letter requesting confirmation of my demise. Needless to say it is quite premature for my grandmother, mother and aunt all lived to be in their 90's, and I expect to follow them. Since it was reported by a classmate, I would like to contact my classmates to assure them I am very much alive and well.

My husband and I decided that 22 feet of snow last winter was a little too much for us to handle. We are now "Snow Birds" in Yuba City, CA during the winter. We will be very glad to go back to the mountains and live at 5,000 feet during the summer as the valley here gets quite hot in the summer.

I have been in touch with Leslie Thorud Yancey, a class mate who had serious back surgery this winter but is home and doing her rehab very well. she commented after her hospital stay, things have really changed in nursing care.

For the time being we are receiving our mail in Westwood CA as we will be back there very soon.



## 1944

Annette Desmarais  
92 Chapel St  
Holden, MA 01520-1809

Don't faint with surprise, it's been many years since I contributed any news of our class, but this is our 50th anniversary year and a good time to turn over a new leaf.

The only classmate I see or correspond with regularly, is Ruth Pedley Smith who is retired from U Mass Amherst where she was Director in the Division of Nursing in the School of Health and Sciences. We are the two faithful ones from our section who attend Homecoming every year. The faithful member of the September section is Marie Rearick, who along with her niece, Barbara Clancy (also MGH) capably headed the Worcester County MGH Club for several years.

At 1993 Homecoming we were delighted to see Barbara Therburn Sharp and Barbara Wagew Yee.

By the time the summer edition of the Alumnae Record comes out, you should all have received information about reunion plans. In case you've misplaced it, write to me at the above address or call 508-829-2403.

## 1948

Barbara Corleen  
20 Landing Drive  
Brewster, MA 02631



Finally some news from the February class of '48. We broke from tradition this year and had our 45th reunion in Las Vegas. Thirteen classmates attended along with four husbands. We all had a grand time but surely missed all of you who were unable to attend.

Those attending were:

Pauline Roy Wheeler (with Fred) - live in NC "still enjoying our retirement. This has been fun. So sorry so many could not make it, but plan for our 50th in Boston." Paulie and Fred were leaving soon for a trip around the world.

Pat Northridge Fairhurst (with Bill) live in MA "retired" last year - still working 1 - 2 times a week - doing some traveling - off on the QE2 in ten days for an overdue trip to England.

Mary (Gus) Geiser lives on LI "retired September 1992 - volunteering 1 day per week - Alzheimer program - paving the way for myself.

Eileen Sheehan Sandstrom - lives in CO "enjoying retirement, just enjoying life."

Ardis Murray Brozyna lives in NY state " still doing head nursing at nursing home (filling out all those assessment forms!) - we have a thoroughbred brood mare and foal program at our farm - looking forward to our 50th.

Nona Marble Griesemer lives in MA - "My biggest news is that I have a stupendous, marvelous grandson named Joshua. He is Jill's son, twenty months old - how I love him! He is such a joy! My son Jeff is great. I am fine but lonely. Joshua lives in

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# HOME COMING 1994

Honoring the:

60 year Class of 1934, 50th year Class of 1944, 40th year Class of 1954, and the  
25th year Class of 1969

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1994

HOWARD JOHNSON'S "57"  
200 STUART STREET, BOSTON

Registration and coffee 8:30 AM  
Program 9:30 AM to 11 AM  
Annual Meeting 11 AM  
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By the end of June, all of you should have received a final communication regarding the 35th Reunion. Thanks to all of those who responded to the first letter and to the last Alumnae Record newsletter and came forward to help with addresses. We still have some class members unaccounted for and would like to catch up with all. Does anyone know the whereabouts of:

Joanne Brabic  
Tina Davis Chaleki  
Maureen Cleary  
Ester Crossman  
Jackie Flynn  
Bunny Frank Knapp  
Kathy Hardy Markievich  
Carol Moore Kihlmire  
Claudette Lajoie  
Carol McSweeney Madden  
Sung-In Moon  
Penny Perry  
Nancy Peirce McDonough  
Eunice Tankard Caro  
Barbara French Teague  
Judy Gates Glynn

In a Christmas greeting and note from Ellie Treinas Prevoski, she tells me that she has been working in Community Health for 15 years. She is looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Carol Harris Wilson received a letter from Jane Henrick Davenport who is living in San Francisco and working in home health visiting mothers and their newborns. She is also studying for her masters in nursing. Because of her school commitment, she won't be able to join us in September. We will share

Janes's note and any others we receive at the reunion dinner.

Pat Friss Newnham was a big help with addresses updating us with several. She and her husband are in Stuttgart, Germany as of this writing where Bob is doing some research as a recipient of a Humboldt Award. their son Randy is a doctoral student at UCLA b;u;t is also in Germany now doing research on his thesis at Cologne University. They were looking forward to seeing more of him. Their daughter Rosemary 23 has just moved to LA and is trying to find theater or film Public Relations or Administrative work. Sadly, Pat also informed me that Kathy Glendenning Jones' husband Warren was killed in an auto accident Labor Day '92.

Lorraine Roy Cournoyer has a vacation planned in Hawaii but will come home 2 days early so that she can attend the reunion.

Diana Hagenbarth Russo will be in France during September and October so won't be able to join us.

On May 14th Judy Freeman Costa's husband Albert will be decorated by the President of Portugal, receiving the medal of Prince Henry the Navigator, which is the highest honor bestowed on civilians. He will have the title of Commander. Many friends and relatives will be in attendance including their 4 children.

Nancy Sturtevant Bray reports that her daughter Kari's wedding in Linlithgow, Scotland in April was beautiful. Kari and Sean will settle in Dublin, Ireland. The next big event for Nancy will be the birth of her first grandchild. Son Jay and daughter-in-law Laura are expecting in mid May.

Carolyn Wortman's office has finally relocated to a new spot just 5 minutes from her home, ending her 34 year commute to Boston. She reports that the trip to Scotland for Nancy's daughter's wedding was wonderful but much too short. Carolyn, Nancy, and Lorraine Turner did their 4th vacation in the Caribbean this winter and are already planning for next year.

Shelia Murphy Cram is busy bringing NWH into compliance with the most recent tuberculosis guidelines in response to the threat of multiresistant organisms.

Carol Harris Wilson will be working with a summer program at Regis college with inner city Hispanic high school students designed to help and encourage them to stay in school and graduate. Carol's son Chuck was married in October and is now living in MO/ Her daughter Jessica has given up working at a career in professional dance because of a vertebral fracture. She is hoping to use her training as a dance therapist. Carol and Charlie are hoping to purchase a sailboat and enjoy a summer of sailing.

Bill and I had a wonderful vacation on Sanibel Island this past winter celebrating my recovery. I'm now back to work a couple of days a week taking varied assignments through an agency. It's helping me to get my feet wet again while allowing me some control over my time. Our children and grandchildren are all well and keep us busy with all their activities. I'll have a catch you all up on their ages, professions, etc. when I see you in September. I have a feeling I'd be writing forever if I started now. Hopefully by the next newsletter Bill and I will have our new computer



for me to work on. Keep sending your news and I'll do the best I can to compile it.

See you in September!

## March 1960

Mary Jane Nassar St Amour  
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617 275 7728

The reunion committee is looking for:

Joyce Taylor Cumberbatch  
Charlane Bauer Conrad  
Brenda Crocker Fitts  
Gail Porter Heffner  
Charlotte Rudolph  
Barbara Vincent Ferguson  
Shirley Matweef Babcock

Please write to me with the addresses of these members if you know it. Plans for September 24th are in the final stages. I hope to hear from many of you, and see you.

Helen Schwartz Bidwell is busy planning the wedding of her daughter Linea.

Cheryl Smethurst Pratt is a busy grandmother and has the best grandson in the world. she and Dave spent February in the Orient.

Joyce Orsini Reetz is busy getting ready for Elena's wedding on September 24th - so she will not be at the reunion. Her son Jack graduates in May from the University of Maine.



My son Sammy is a graduate student part time at NYU, and working full time for the Port Authority. Anthony is in the PhD program at Princeton. He hopes to get a doctorate in electrical Engineering in a few more years. Paul and I are enjoying our new home on the coast of Maine at Westport Island. We hope you'll call if in the neighborhood.

## 1965

In a note from Rosedale Miller we learned that she had been disabled for 3 years as she has cancer of the left lung. Our hope is that she is doing well.

## 1966

Barbara Texiera Goral was one of the women Vietnam veterans from New England to attend the dedication November 11 of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, DC

## 1974

Carol Bergeron Hewson  
431 Apple Tree woods  
San Antonio, TX 78249-2053  
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As our 20th approaches, thought I'd send an update, in hopes that other classmates would do the same!

I am currently a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force, with over 19 years of service. I am

the Regional Utilization Management Coordinator for Department of Defense Region VI (a four state region encompassing the military medical treatment facilities in Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and most of Texas). After three moves in as many years, we are happy to be settled back in the "heart of Texas". I am still happily married (Jim is now retired from the military and working is staff development and research at a local hospital) and we are the proud parents of Daniel (10) and Sara (8), whom we adopted when we were stationed in San Antonio in the early 1980s.

## 1976

Anne Mercurio Fogarty and Kevin had their second child, Margaret Anne on March 15, 1994 and have moved back to MA from Maine.

## 1979

Geoffry McEnany  
675 Sobrante Road  
Oakland, CA 94611  
510 339 8191

As I wrote out my membership renewal, I was aware that it has been 15 years since I graduated from MGH. It has been probably an equally long time since I wrote to the alumnae office. I enjoy hearing about what's happening at MGH, as well as what's been going on for my classmates, so I thought that it was my turn to write.

I am currently in the last days before I defend my dissertation at the University of California, San

San Francisco, and will graduate this Spring. the degree is a PhD in Nursing, and I started these studies in 1990. The focus of my doctoral work has been in understanding the neurobiological dimensions of major depression in women. The dissertation entailed a clinical trial of a nonpharmacologic intervention to correct disturbed neurobiological rhythms that are responsible for the symptoms of a major depression, e.g., sleep disturbance, fatigue, changes in cognition, and mood disturbance. I used physiological measures of sleep and circadian rhythm (sleep EEG and core body temperature monitoring) as well as self-report measures of mood and fatigue to measure the effect of the intervention, which consisted of a sleep manipulation. the main aim of this research was to explore non-drug, but biologically active means to treat depression, and I am glad to report that there are significant findings from the work.

The doctoral experience has been the most challenging educational experience since MGH. I am grateful to have worked with an exceptional nursing scientist (Dr Kathryn Lee) as a mentor, and am grateful that my research was funded with a National Research Service Award by the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Post graduation, I will continue to work at Turning Point center in San Francisco. This is a nurse-owned and operated outpatient practice for the care and treatment of persons with depressive and panic disorders. I have been a clinical specialist in this practice since we began, seven years ago. We now have approximately 250 persons receiving care through this center, and the center employs 6 psychiatric clinical nurse specialists and a part-time

physician (California hasn't granted clinical nurse specialists prescription privileges yet). Additionally, I have applied for a post doctoral fellowship through the National Institute of Nursing Research to (hopefully) continue my research. Providing that the postdoc is funded, I will be spending part of my time at the Stanford University Sleep Disorders Center, and with interdisciplinary colleagues at the University of Washington at Seattle.

I send warm regards to my classmates and former faculty of the MGH School of Nursing. Special regards to Pam Horn, Dave Codier, Beth Gibbons, Patty Lamsa, Ellen MacDonald, Mary Nunley, Louise Riemer, Mary Santerre, Sue Thibault, Jeanne Tomolillo and Susan Winters.

## *IN MEMORIAM*

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| 1919 | Edythe E. Angell, November 11, 1993.                  |
| 1925 | Emma M Varnerin MD, 1993.                             |
| 1927 | Doris Osgood Camp, May 4, 1994.                       |
| 1934 | Mildred Kerqick Watson, October 6, 1993               |
| 1934 | Helen Mulkern Carney, December 11, 1993.              |
| 1937 | May Cole Stetson, November 22, 1993.                  |
| 1937 | Marjorie Burke Richards, January 18, 1994.            |
| 1938 | Eileen Wolseley, April, 11, 1994.                     |
| 1940 | Constance Jarvis Bertrand, February 26, 1994.         |
| 1947 | Marjorie Wood Young, July 30, 1993.                   |
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